



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
SUPERFUND SITE STRATEGY RECOMMENDATION - REGION 06



Site Name: Section 19 Mine - NM0036

CERCLIS ID#: N/A

Alias Site Name: Section 20

Address: Latitude 35 degrees 26'19.11" Longitude 107 degrees 49'10.52"

City/County or Parish/State/Zip: McKinley County, New Mexico

Report Type: Pre-CERCLIS Screening

Date: 10/31/11

Author: NMED

**RECOMMENDATION:**

☐ 1. No Further Remedial Action Planned  
Under Superfund (NFRAP)

☐ 2. Further Investigation Needed Under Superfund

☐ PA

☐ HRS

Priority: ☐ High

☐ SI

☐ RI/FS

☐ Low

☐ ESI

☐ RA

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To be performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. Action Deferred to: ☐ RCRA ☐ NRC ☐ BLM

☐ 4. Site Being Addressed Under the State Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP): ☐ Yes ☐ No

**NOTIFY AUTHORITY:**

☐ Removal

☐ RCRA

☐ TSCA

☐ CAA

☐ SMCRA

☐ Remedial

☒ State/Tribe

☐ NPDES

☐ NRC

☐ Resource Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CERCLA

☐ Federal

☐ UIC

☐ SPCC

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DISCUSSION:**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) used operational history to develop a pre-CERCLIS screen for the Section 19 Mine site. The mine operated as a wet mine and records indicate that during mine operations, solution mining occurred (i.e., mine water was recirculated through the mine to further leach uranium). The surface facilities and main shaft are located on Section 19 and the underground workings extend into parts of Section 20.

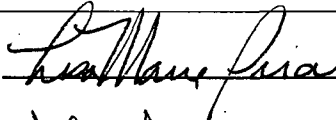
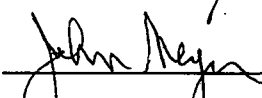
Mine reclamation is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Mining Act, and investigation into the impacts from the discharge of mine water and solution mining is being required pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission regulations.

NMED recommended that no further action be taken under CERCLA at the Section 19 Mine site due to on-going remedial activities pursuant to New Mexico regulations. EPA concurs with this recommendation.



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**APPROVALS:**

<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	<u>Lisa Marie Price</u> (Site Assessment Manager)	<b>Signature:</b>	<u></u>	<b>Date:</b>	<u>4/29/11</u>
<b>Disposition Approved by:</b>	<u>John Meyer</u> (Section Chief 6SF-TR)	<b>Signature:</b>	<u></u>	<b>Date:</b>	<u>4/29/11</u>